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Annual Selihot Lecture and Service Saturday Evening, September 8

It is customary for Jews to prepare for the High Holy Days both intellectually and spiritually. This special preparation takes place at the Selihot Service on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah, this year on September 8, 2001.

The evening begins with a **Coffee Hour** at 8:30 p.m. At 9 p.m., **Rabbi Neil Gillman**, the Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon H. Rifkind associate professor of Jewish philosophy at The Jewish Theological Seminary will deliver the **Selihot lecture**. He will address the topic, "**What is Teshuva?**" Rabbi Gillman's latest book is *The Way into Encountering God in Judaism*.

His lecture will be followed by a **Congregational Prelude** of traditional Selihot melodies at 9:45 p.m., led by our cantors, with choir members sitting with congregants to reinforce the singing of the prayer tunes.

At 10 p.m., the **Selihot Service** will begin. Rabbis David H. Lincoln, Kenneth A. Stern and Paulette R. Gross will lead the prayer readings, and Cantors David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson will chant the liturgy, accompanied by the Synagogue High Holy Days Choir, under the direction of Neil Robinson.

Selihot is the ancient traditional manner of preparing for a deeply meaningful High Holy Day worship experience. Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate.

This is the beginning of the penitential period. Selihot is recited each morning until Yom Kippur at 7:05 a.m., prior to the regular Shacharit Chapel service.

This Year's Simhat Torah Honorees Will Be Brian G. Lustbader and Carol J. Antler



Brian G. Lustbader



Carol J. Antler

During the Festival of Simhat Torah, it is customary for congregations to honor two members who have contributed in important ways to the life of their synagogue and/or the Jewish community in which they live. In accordance with this Jewish tradition, this year, during the Simhat Torah service on Wednesday morning, October 10, 2001, Park Avenue Synagogue will honor two special congregants. Brian G. Lustbader will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah and Carol J. Antler will be called to the Torah as Kallah Bereishit.

Following the service, which begins at 9:15 a.m., the entire congregation will be invited to a buffet luncheon and reception in the ballroom in honor of the honorees and their families.

Brian G. Lustbader

Brian Lustbader and his wife, Rachel, have been active members of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since 1985. Brian is currently a member of the synagogue's Board of Trustees, having previously served on the synagogue's Advisory Council. He is in his second year as president of the Men's Club, which he also served as secretary and treasurer. He is also an active member of the School

Board and served on the Search Committee which recently selected Renee Ghert-Zand as the synagogue's new director of education. In addition, for the past few years, he has coordinated the alternative Havurah Service, which is held twice a month in the Rothschild Library, where he enjoys reading the Torah and Haftarah, delivering Dvrei Torah, and teaching cantillations to fellow congregants. He regularly attends Shabbat services at the synagogue and is a strong advocate of the new *Rinah U'Tefilah* Service which is held on designated Friday nights during the year.

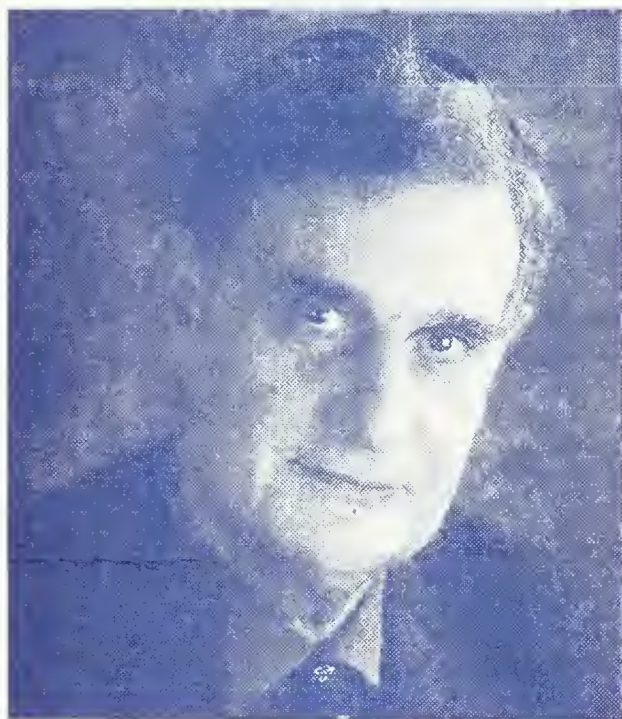
Brian was born and raised in New Rochelle, N.Y. He attended religious school through high school and was Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel in New Rochelle. After graduating from The Horace Mann School, he attended The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned two degrees (civil engineering and humanities), with honors. After college graduation, he attended Columbia Law School, where he earned his J.D., also with honors.

After law school, he joined the firm then known as Rosenman Colin Freund

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F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk



"The Shofar and the Ethical Life"

Jewish moralists quickly seized upon the Shofar and the ritual of the *tekiot* for the purpose of expounding ethical teachings. The Talmud, itself, sets the tone when it forbids the use of the horn of cows and oxen for a Shofar on the grounds that this would be reminiscent of the Golden Calf - "The prosecutor cannot be made into a defense counsel."

The Shofar is used in Jewish ethical literature metaphorically to designate a leader, especially one who claims to speak

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for SEPTEMBER, 2001

Friday evening, August 31	6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 1	9:15 a.m.
Saturday afternoon, September 1	6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, September 7	6:15 p.m.
Minyan Ma'alot	7:00 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 8	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service	9:30 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Peter Garner Weinberg
son of Ann Kirschner and Dr. Harold Weinberg*

Saturday afternoon, September 8	6:00 p.m.
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Selihot Service

Saturday evening, September 8	10:00 p.m.
Friday evening, September 14	6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 15	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Eric Joseph Lemor
son of Susan and Isaac Lemor*

Saturday afternoon, September 15	6:00 p.m.
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ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday evening, September 17	5:45 p.m.
First Day of Rosh Hashanah	
Tuesday morning, September 18	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday evening, September 18	5:45 p.m.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday morning, September 19	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening, September 19	5:45 p.m.
Friday evening, September 21	6:15 p.m.

Children's September Birthday Celebration

Saturday morning, September 22	9:15 a.m.
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Shabbat Shuvah

Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service	9:30 a.m.

*Bat Mitzvah of Willimina Skala Bromer
daughter of Elissa and Harry Bromer*

Saturday afternoon, September 22	6:00 p.m.
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YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Minhah Service

Wednesday afternoon, September 26	1:30 p.m.
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Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday evening, September 26	6:30 p.m.
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Yom Kippur

Thursday morning, September 27	9:00 a.m.
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Yizkor Memorial Service

Thursday afternoon, September 27	3:00 p.m.
Friday evening, September 28	6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 29	9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service	7:30 a.m.

*Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Caren Sherman
daughter of Mrs. Randi Fetner Sherman and Dr. John Sherman*

Saturday afternoon, September 29	6:00 p.m.
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Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue High Holy Days Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

*Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available
every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon.*

September B'nai and B'not Mitzvah



Peter Garner Weinberg, September 8, 2001

Peter Weinberg has attended Park Avenue Synagogue's Congregational School since he was five years old, and he looks forward to continuing in its high school. He is currently in the seventh grade at the Horace Mann School and has a broad range of interests, including science and creative writing.

Peter lives on the Upper West Side with his parents, two sisters, and a lazy dog named Simon. When he grows up, he hopes to attend Princeton University and to pursue a dual career as both a pediatric surgeon and writer.

He loves listening to the Beatles, hanging out on Fire Island, traveling with his family, and conquering video games. He thanks his grandparents and especially his teachers at Park Avenue Synagogue for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.



Eric Joseph Lemor, September 15, 2001

Eric Lemor's affiliation with Park Avenue Synagogue dates back to his Brit Mila. He began his Hebrew studies in the Prozdor Grade and plans to continue in the high school.

Eric has attended The Dalton School since kindergarten and is presently in the eighth grade there. His favorite subjects are science, math and art. His summers have been spent in camps dedicated to the culinary arts, exploration programs and scuba diving. He also enjoys skiing and traveling.

Eric has visited many parts of the world, including Europe, South America, and the Middle East. He has been to Israel twice; most recently, this past summer. During this recent trip, he visited Mt. Nevo, in Jordan, the Biblical site connected to his Torah reading.



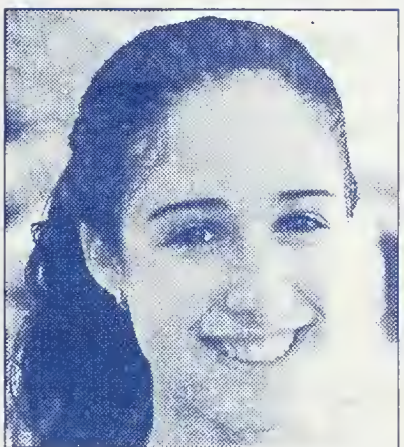
Willimina Skala Bromer, September 22, 2001

Willimina Bromer attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School until her family moved to Scarsdale four years ago. She is a student in the Horace Mann School, where her favorite subjects are history and science. Willy is on the soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams. She also is a reporter for her school newspaper.

Willimina will be celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah at both the Park Avenue Synagogue and Temple Israel in White Plains. She has enjoyed participating in Mitzvah Day at Park Avenue Synagogue and in delivering food packages for Passover.

Willy spends her summers at both Camp Vega in Maine and at Saltaire on Fire Island where she plays tennis, goes horseback riding and wakeboard skiing.

She thanks her family for their love and support, and Park Avenue Synagogue for helping her prepare for this special day.



Sydney Caren Sherman, September 29, 2001

Sydney Sherman's Jewish education began at the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and she has been a student in the Congregational Hebrew School since kindergarten.

She attends The Dalton School, where her favorite subjects are English and art. She participates in the Community Service Committee and the Environmental Club at Dalton.

After school, Sidney plays tennis, volleyball and softball. She also likes to read, sketch, listen to music and spend time with her friends. Sidney also enjoys going to Broadway musicals and loves to sing.

She would like to thank all her teachers at Park Avenue Synagogue for their guidance in preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah.

From The Rabbi's Desk

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the word of God. The figure is taken from the Bible itself: God commands the prophet, "Lift up thy voice like a Shofar." Consequently, rules and regulations originally ordained for a Shofar are transferred homiletically to rabbis, preachers and leaders generally.

The distinguished British scholar A. Cohen counsels students for the Rabbinate to apply the standards of a proper Shofar to their preaching. "The Shofar should be *kafuf*, bent, curved. That may be taken as symbolic of a humble frame of mind 'If it is split lengthwise, it is unfit for use.' A preacher is similarly useless who is split-minded, who has not clear-cut views and definite convictions. 'If Shofar was

overlaid with gold, with the result that the original tone is changed, it is disqualified.' The application we may draw from these words is that the preacher must be independent. He must not allow his utterances to be affected by such an external influence as the power of gold. 'If the *Ba'al Tokay'a* reverses the Shofar and blows into it, he has not fulfilled the obligation.'

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In Celebration of the High Holy Days

IN OUR HOMES

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and a festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color which symbolizes purity and joy. Thus the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round hallot, symbolizing a full round year, apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of the candles and kiddush which precede the festive meal on both nights of Rosh Hashanah. The following blessings are recited over the candles:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle light for the Festival.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

After the Rosh Hashanah kiddush, the Motzi is recited over the round hallah:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

Yehi ratzon milefanekha Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu, shetehadesh aleינו shanah tovah umetukah.

May it be Thy Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of Rosh Hashanah, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by the daytime kiddush and the Motzi:

Tiku vahodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu, kihok l'Yisraelhu, mishpat l'Elohey Yaaqov.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, borei pri hagafen.

The greeting on Rosh Hashanah is L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu — May you be inscribed for a good year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal which precedes the fast of Erev Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown.

Following the *Birkat haMazon* — the grace after meals — the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part, to the extent they are able.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing the Children

It is the tradition that before leaving for the Kol Nidre service parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following

prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

For Sons: May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.

For Daughters: May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

Forgiveness

At this time, just before leaving the house to attend the Kol Nidre service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done, knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

In Our Congregation

Shabbat Shuvah

The Sabbath that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, from the Haftarah portion of that Sabbath which begins with the word Shuvah, meaning "return" (repent).

For the Hearing Impaired

Through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, it is now possible for those who are hearing impaired to use head sets while attending services. Please inform the synagogue office if you wish to avail yourself of this convenience.

Tzedakah

As a caring community, congregants are asked to consider the needs of the synagogue at the Kol Nidre Appeal and the two social outreach programs which it supports year round: The Food Pantry and the *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach.

Congregants are asked to respond as generously as possible to the Kol Nidre Appeal. The funds generated by this annual campaign help balance the annual budget of the synagogue which includes the religious school program and social service outreach programs.

The Food Pantry, operated by our high school students, supplies food packages to more than one hundred poor families in our neighborhood. The cost of this program is \$20 per family, per week. Let your heart dictate to you how you wish to support this important project.

The *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach works in cooperation with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty to help Soviet Jewish immigrants with their needs.

Simhat Torah Honorees

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Lewis & Cohen, and later became a litigation partner at Carro, Spanbock, Kaster & Cuiffo. Thereafter, he left the practice of law for several years to run his family's construction business, The P.J. Carlin Construction Company. He has since returned full-time to the practice of law and currently specializes in construction law and litigation at Mazur, Carp & Rubin, P.C.

Brian traces his current commitment to Conservative Judaism to his parents' strong sense of Jewish identity, which has been reinforced by Rachel's parents, Mortimer and Miriam Ostow, who are founders of the Conservative Synagogue of Riverdale and active in the Jewish Theological Seminary. In turn, Brian and Rachel have dedicated themselves to transmitting that identity to their two daughters, Sarah and Ilana, both of whom have been educated at Park Avenue Synagogue from nursery school through high school and celebrated their B'not Mitzvah with the congregation. Sarah graduated from The Fieldston School and is now a freshman at Stanford University. Ilana is in the ninth grade at The Dalton School.

Brian was recently elected president of his cooperative corporation, after serving as vice president and secretary for 15 years. He and Rachel support a number of Jewish charities. They are also active members of KIDS of NYU, a group that supports pediatric medicine at the NYU Medical Center. Brian is an avid tennis player, jogger and skier.

We are proud to honor him as Hatan Torah this Simhat Torah for his contributions to our congregation's life. We hope he and his family will continue their involvement with us for many more years.

Carol J. Antler

On this, the Bat Mitzvah year of the *Tikkun Olam* Committee, it seems fitting that we highlight its important work by honoring one of its original co-chairs, Carol Antler. Carol's involvement with the *Tikkun Olam* Committee came at a pivotal time in her life. She had recently left a successful and demanding business career to spend more time with her seven year-old twin daughters and to pursue activities which were more meaningful to her. She had been doing volunteer work

at a local day program for homeless women run by the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association when she was invited to co-chair this committee. It was a wonderful opportunity for her to combine her Jewish identity, a developing interest in social outreach, and her sense of responsibility to our synagogue community and the community at large.

Many of the projects which Carol helped initiate 13 years ago are still ongoing. These include: the committee's "Moving On Project" in affiliation with Women in Need, sending Russian Jewish children to summer camp in conjunction with the Metropolitan New York Council on Jewish Poverty, and Mitzvah Sunday, to name just a few.

In addition to serving as co-chair of the *Tikkun Olam* Committee, Carol was a vice president of the Women's Evening Group and served on the Board of Trustees Advisory Council for many years.

Since the Antler's joined the Park Avenue Synagogue 18 years ago they have been actively involved in the life of our congregation. Bob served for five years as President of the Park Avenue Synagogue and chaired many other committees. He is currently Honorary President and serves on the Endowment Committee. Their daughters Ashley and Lauren both attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School, celebrated their B'not Mitzvah with our congregation, and Lauren graduated from The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School. Both Ashley and Lauren are currently seniors at Brown University.

Carol grew up in Newton, Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Northeastern University. After a 12 year business career, Carol earned her master's degree in social work at The Hunter College School of Social Work. She then attended The American Institute of Psychoanalysis, where she became certified in psychodynamic psychotherapy, and subsequently entered psychoanalytic training and earned her certification as a psychoanalyst. She is now in private practice and heads the Social Work Training Program at the Karen Horney Clinic. Carol also plays an active role in The American Institute for Psychoanalysis, where she is a member of its Board and treasurer, a faculty member, and a supervisor in the Psychodynamic

Psychotherapy Program. In addition, Carol is also an assistant editor for The American Journal of Psychoanalysis, a leading publication in its field.

We applaud Carol as this year's Kallah Bereishit and for the many contributions she has made to our Jewish communal life. We hope that she will be able to continue her good work for many years to come.

From The Rabbi's Desk

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He obviously acts in this way to make a parade of his extraordinary power and it's not actuated by a pious motive. It is precisely the same with a preacher. He, too, must avoid what is vulgarly called 'showing off' on the pulpit."

Homilies on the theme of sincere concentration as the prime requirement in sounding the Shofar are legion. One points out that the Shofar, being an unimproved wind instrument, possesses no inherent sound other than that imparted to it by the breath of the blower. Obviously, then, everything depends on the *Ba'al Tokay'a* himself and the purity of his motive. That is why he does not say in his benediction, "to *sound* the Shofar," but "to *hear* the sound of the Shofar." The Shofar sounder is not a performer. He has the same obligation as the humblest member of the Congregation to give heed to the sound and message of the Shofar.

The Shofar is a major element in the High Holy Day ritual, but those who would emphasize it to the exclusion of other basic *mitzvot* should ponder the following episode.

When the saintly Chief Rabbi Kuk of Palestine was taken to the hospital in Jerusalem a few days before his death, during the month of Elul, 1935, he insisted on following the traditional practice of hearing the Shofar blown each morning of Elul. His physicians feared that the effects would be too much for his delicate condition, but they were unable to dissuade him. Finally, a colleague succeeded with the only plea capable of swaying the gentle Chief Rabbi – "The sound of the Shofar will affect the other patients." The dying man withdrew his request in the face of the greater *mitzvah* of consideration for the feelings of the others.

(From a commentary by Rabbi Herman Kieval)

—Rabbi David H. Lincoln

A New Year, A New Beginning: Education at Park Avenue Synagogue

The Education Office at Park Avenue Synagogue has been planning many exciting programs for the upcoming school year. Come visit the education team on the newly renovated third and fourth floors for more information about everything listed below. You can also reach us by phone:

- **Education Office**, Rm. 311, ext. 105
- **Renee Ghert-Zand**, director of education, Rm. 310, ext. 105
- **Sarah Gribetz**, assistant principal and family educator, Rm. 411, ext. 136
- **Rabbi Rachel Aranoff**, high school principal, Rm 411, ext. 122
- **Susan Tadayon**, education assistant, Rm. 311, ext. 105.

Here are the key highlights about the great things to look forward to in 5762:

Family Shabbat: About once a month parents will be asked to join their children in the Gimel through Vav grades for a learning service led by members of the clergy, followed by exciting cultural programming, such as storytelling, music and dramatic performances. These programs will take place in The Hall of Worship from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a special kiddush. The first Family Shabbat will be on Saturday, September 29.

Family Education: Family education will be an integral part of the school's curriculum, with many opportunities for children and parents to learn together. There will be regular communication between the classroom and home via newsletters and new, cutting-edge educational materials designed to create dialogue among students, teachers and parents. **All members of the congregation are invited to and welcome at religious services and programs run by the Education Office.**

HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family) - The Jewish Early Learning Program:

The fall semester of our classes for children ages 1 ½ to 3 years begins October 16. **Tot Shabbat** programs, an

integral part of this learning program, will be offered twice a month, led by Jody Prusan (open to the entire congregation free of charge). The first Tot Shabbat will take place on September 15 at 11:15 a.m. Ask for a brochure and flyer for more details.

Nitzanim Shabbat Services for children in kindergarten through second grade, led by Jonathan Bayer, are offered almost every Saturday during the year from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 408. See our flyer for dates and details.

High Holidays Service / Programming for Young People 4 to 18: There will be separate services for different age groups led by young educators and Jewish role models. Services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon and on Erev Yom Kippur from 6:30 to 8 p.m. See our High Holiday flyer for details.

USY/Kadimah Youth Groups: Led by Kim Blumenthal and Ethan Linden, these groups provide exciting social and educational opportunities. Call both of them for more information.

High School With a New Curricular Format: Students will choose two of six courses, such as: *New York Jewish History* to *Sex in the Texts* to the *Jewish Music Scene* to *Synagogue Skills* offered during each of five mini-mesters, each about five weeks long. The full-time teaching faculty will be joined by specialists and guest speakers. Students will explore New York on field trips and do community service on monthly *Hesed* Days. Call Rabbi Rachel Aranoff at ext. 122 for more information.

Hebrew/Tefillah Course for All PAS Adult Members will be offered twice a month beginning Saturday, September 15 from 10 – 11 a.m. Begin with phonetic Hebrew reading and basic Hebrew vocabulary, followed by practicing *tefillot* (prayers), with a discussion of their meanings and origins. Space is limited, so register early. Call the education office for more information or for the registration form.

Clergy are Teachers Too: Members of the clergy will lead Jr. Congregation Shabbat Services once a month and the monthly Family Shabbat Services as well as other curricular modules in the schools.

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your summer vacation. The library will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th. Between September 10 and 30, it will display High Holiday books. Everyone is invited to come and browse.

New Adult Fiction:

Chabon, Michael: *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*
Chefitz, Michael: *The Seventh Telling, The Kabbalah of Moshe Katan*
Diski, Jenny: *Only Human*
Gavron, Daniel: *Pilgrims': A Novel*
Hedaya, Yael: *Housebroken: Three Novellas*
Isler, Alan: *Clerical Errors*
Ross, Fran: *Oreo*
Thoene, Bodie: *Thunder From Jerusalem*
Young, Donald: *The Ascending Star: A Novella*

Zelitch, Simone: *Louisa*

New Adult Non-Fiction:

Cohen, Debra Nussbaum: *Celebrating Your New Jewish Daughter*
Diamant, Carol: *Moonbeams*
Guttenplan, D.D.: *The Holocaust on Trial*
Laqueur, Walter: *The Holocaust Encyclopedia*
Rosner, Fred: *Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Bible and Talmud*
Sarna, Nahum: *Studies in Biblical Interpretation*

Weinberg, Matis: *Frameworks: Genesis*

New Children's Books:

Biers-Ariel, Matt: *Solomon and the Trees*
Goldin, Barbara Diamond: *A Mountain of Blinzes*
Gottfried, Ted: *Heroes of the Holocaust*
Jaffe, Nina: *Tales for the Seventh Day*
Roseman, Kenneth: *Escape From the Holocaust*
Roseman, Kenneth: *The Other Side of the Hudson*
Roseman, Kenneth: *The Tenth of Av*
Roseman, Kenneth: *Until the Messiah Comes*
Sting: *Rock Steady*

For those who participate in the congregation's **Jewish Book Discussion Group** led by Mrs. Patricia Davidson, all the books for 2001-2002 are available in the library.

Ilana Abend-David, Librarian

Hebrew Crash Course With Master Teacher Vivian Finkel

The ever popular, annual pre-holiday Hebrew Crash Course will be given again by master teacher Vivian Finkel in three sessions on the following dates and times:

- Sunday, September 9 at 9 a.m.
- Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m.

Please register with Rabbi Stern's secretary through the synagogue office at 369-2600, ext. 148.

Kehillah – The Family Education Committee to Attend “Solidarity” Rally

Five major Jewish organizations will be sponsoring a “Solidarity with Israel” Rally to be held on **Sunday, September 23 at 12 noon** at 2nd Avenue and 47th Street.

Kehillah, the Family Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, is organizing a synagogue group to attend this important rally. Your attendance is a great way to stand with Israel! Plan to join this group. Watch your mail for additional information.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazal Tov to:

Drs. Georgette F. Bennett and Leonard Polonsky, upon their marriage on June 10, 2001. Rabbis David Lincoln and Arnold Turetsky officiated along with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Mrs. Frances Berger, whose son, Leonard, was honored as “Man of the Year” at the American Stock Exchange.

Marilyn and David Berman, upon the birth of their grandchild, Serena Jacqueline.

Andrew Brog, who recently represented the U.S. in basketball in the 2001 Maccabean games in Israel.

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You are cordially invited to have DINNER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH Monday, October 1 through Sunday, October 7

All reservations are pre-paid and non-refundable. In case of rain, dinner will be served in the ballroom. Cost \$25 per person; \$10 each for children under 8 years of age. Please fill out, cut out, and return the reservation form below, marking the dinner(s) you will be attending, with your check made payable to Park Avenue Synagogue **IMMEDIATELY**.

RESERVATION FORM

Please check appropriate Sukkah Dinner(s):

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Monday, October 1 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Women's Evening Group | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 2) Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Men's Club | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 3) Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Parents' Association | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 4) Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Parents' Association | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 5) Friday, October 5 at 7 P.M.
Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 6) Saturday, October 6 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Sisterhood | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| 7) Sunday, October 7 at 6:30 P.M.
hosted by the Family Education Program | #Adults _____
Total \$ _____ | #Children Under 8 _____
Over 8 _____ |
| Total Amount of Check Enclosed _____ | | Grand Total \$ _____ |

Name _____
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(day) (evening)

Help Decorate the Ritter Sukkah

Also, come help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! The more the better! It takes many hands to do the job and everyone is invited to join in the fun. We will be decorating on Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday, September 20, 21, 24, 25 and 28 from 10 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. Please let us know when you will be able to help. You will be performing a mitzvah! Please fill out the volunteer form below, cut it out and return it to Park Avenue Synagogue!

VOLUNTEER FORM

I want to help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! I can come on:

- ☐ Thursday, September 20 Time _____ ☐ Friday, September 21 Time _____
☐ Monday, September 24 Time _____ ☐ Tuesday, September 25 Time _____
☐ Friday, September 28 Time _____

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Telephone No. _____
(day) (evening)

Welcome Back From the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is planning an exciting new year, one filled with Jewish education, new experiences for growth and community service. It sponsors a number of annual events both to support the religious school and enrich the lives of its students and families. Everyone is invited to participate! Here are some of its upcoming events.

Welcome Coffees: On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, **September 10, 11 and 13, from 4 to 5 p.m.**, come and meet our new rabbi and director of education.

Sukkah Dinners: The Parents' Association will be hosting Sukkah dinners on Wednesday and Thursday, **October 3 and 4** at which there will be assigned seating to cut down the confusion experienced in past years. The dinners are very early this year. So sign up quickly!

Open School Night: Wednesday, **October 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.** Come meet your children's teachers. There also will be time to socialize afterwards at a reception sponsored by the Parents' Association.

Mitzvah Sunday: Save the date, **December 2, 2001.** Collect items to donate.

— Marlene Muskin

The Young Couples' Group September "Get-Together"

The Young Couples' Group of Park Avenue Synagogue will resume its activities with a "Get-Together" on Tuesday evening, **September 11th**. An invitation with the topic and location and time of this gathering will be sent out at the end of August.

The group welcomes both current Young Couples' Group members and new members to join us in beginning our third year! Please call Laurie Davidowitz at 585-0344 or e-mail lojim@adiglobal.com with any questions or for additional information.

Moonbeams: A Rosh Hodesh Study/Social Experience Thursday, September 13

The Women's Evening Group of the Park Avenue Synagogue will be resuming its Rosh Hodesh study/social experiences. They will be held once a month on the first day of the new moon on the Jewish calendar, from **7:30 to 9 p.m.** in hospitable living rooms around the city (to be announced). The study/social format to be used was developed by Hadassah, the National Women's Zionist Organization.

According to Jewish legend, God gave the women of Israel the holiday of Rosh Hodesh, the Festival of the New Moon. Come and find out more about WEG's **Moonbeam experiences** on **Thursday, September 13th**. For more information or to make your reservation, call either Lucy Becker (at 288-7523) or Joann Rosoff at (348-4531).

Materials fee: \$20. Refreshments will be served.

SISTERHOOD CORNER

Come Join Us! We Have a New Look!!

The Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue is beginning the new year with a

Membership Tea and Fashion Show on Tuesday, October 23, 2001

New members are welcome! Come get involved. Sisterhood needs you!! Mark the date and also check this corner every month for upcoming events.

The **Sisterhood Presidium** for the 2001-2002 calendar year consists of:

- Florence Edelstein
- Estelle Roth
- Jutta Tannhauser

Cemetery Visitation

If there is sufficient interest, Rabbi Stern will accompany a group to Sharon Gardens, the congregation's cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y. on **Wednesday, September 12**. To reserve your place, please send your check for \$20, payable to Park Avenue Synagogue, to the synagogue office, to the attention of Rabbi Stern by September 7. (If we cancel our plans, your check will be returned.)

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To: Debra Cherney and Hartley Bernstein, upon the death of their daughter, Raine Sarah Bernstein.

Mr. Edward Blank, upon the death of his mother, May Cohn.

Mrs. Sonia Breindel, upon the death of her husband, Dr. Joseph H. Breindel.

Mr. Martin Fischer, upon the death of his mother, Frances Fischer.

Mrs. Karen Freedberg, upon the death of her father, Abraham Hertz.

Mrs. Judith Goodman, upon the death of her father, Arthur Cohen.

Mr. Fred Hill, upon the death of his wife, Meta Hill.

The family of the late Marion Katz.

The family of the late Sidney A. Laifer.

Dr. Karen Landau, upon the death of her mother, Estelle Landau.

Mrs. Judith Laor, upon the death of her husband, Dr. Eliahu Laor.

The family of the late Rita Leibman.

Mrs. Geraldine Meltzer, upon the death of her mother, Leah Amstel.

Mr. Alan Pollack, upon the death of his mother, Selma Pollack.

Mr. Lloyd Evan Pollack, upon the death of his mother, Selma Pollack.

Mr. Mitchell Spector, upon the death of his father, Gabriel Spector.

Mr. Robert Teitelbaum, upon the death of his mother, Lilly Teitelbaum.

Mr. Gary Martin Wexler, upon the death of his mother, Ruth Wexler.


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for SEPTEMBER 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY New Schedule of Hours: Mondays 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Thursdays 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Sundays 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.			REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday afternoons (See time listings)			1 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
2	3 LABOR DAY	4 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7:30 p.m. WEG Board Meeting	5	6 6 p.m. Mitzvah Sunday Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Board Meeting	7 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service 7 p.m. Minyan Ma'alot Light Candles 7:00 p.m.	8 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Peter Garner Weinberg 6 p.m. Afternoon Service 9 p.m. Selihot Lecture by Prof. Neil Gillman 10 p.m. Selihot Service
9 9 a.m. Hebrew Crash Course First day of High School	10 7 p.m. Hebrew Crash Course First Day of Congregational School	11 7 p.m. Hebrew Crash Course Young Couples' Group "Get-Together"	12	13	14 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 6:48 p.m.	15 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Eric Joseph Lemor 10 - 11 a.m. Junior Congregation Led by Cantor Abramson Hebrew Reading Class for Parents 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Afternoon Service
16	17 Erev Rosh Hashanah 5:45 p.m. Service Light Candles 6:43 p.m.	18 First Day of Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Service 5:45 p.m. Service Light Candles 7:40 p.m.	19 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Service 5:45 p.m. Service	20	21 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Children's September Birthday Celebration Light Candles 6:37 p.m.	22 Shabbat Shuvah 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Willimina Skala Bromer 10 - 11 a.m. Junior Congregation Hebrew Reading Class for Parents 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Nitzanim Service 6 p.m. Afternoon Service
23 12 noon "Solidarity with Israel" Rally	24	25	26 1:30 p.m. Minhah Service Erev Yom Kippur 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service Light Candles Before Service	27 Yom Kippur 9 a.m. Services 3 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service	28 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 6:25 p.m.	29 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Caren Sherman 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon Family Shabbat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Afternoon Service
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Contributions

Bible Fund

Arlene & Mark Bernstein, in loving memory of Abe Hertz.
Mr. Colin Callender, in loving memory of Martin Callender.

Joanne V. & Morton M. Davis, in loving memory of Samuel & Bertha Victorsohn.

Patricia & Milton Fuchs
Eliezer Lenny Pollack, in memory of Selma Pollack.

Barbara & Jim Robbins, in honor of Rabbis Miriam and Matthew Berkowitz.

Barbara & Jim Robbins, in memory of their beloved parents, David and Deborah Grad.

Mrs. Florence Seligman, in honor of Benjamin Seligman.

Mrs. Roxana Tetenbaum, in loving memory of her mother, Eugenia.

Dr. Renee W. Kessler, in memory of her mother, Lea Maria Kessler.

Sandra & Martin Weinstein, in loving memory of Frances Fischer, mother of Martin A. Fischer.

Kurt & Ruth Wimpfheimer, in memory of Sidney Laifer.

Phyllis S. Zilkha, in loving memory of Barney & Ruth Siegel.

Bikur Cholim Fund

Mrs. Helen Hahn, congratulations to Floy & Amos Kaminski on being honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Floy & Amos Kaminski

Barrie & Leah Modhin, in honor of Martin J. Milston's 70th birthday.

Mr. David Revasch, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Jane Revasch, in honor of her birthday.

Barbara & Jim Robbins, in honor of the 25th anniversary of Cantor David Lefkowitz at PAS.

Joan Cohen Scholarship Fund

Floy & Amos Kaminski

Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Lucy & Robert Becker, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lillian King and Frederick Gelman.

Mrs. Frances Berger, in honor of Lillian Jessamine King and Frederick Milton Gelman, grandchildren of Evelyn Gelman.

Mrs. Florence Edelstein, in honor of the Gelman grandchildren.

Richard Green & Elaine Gilde, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lillian King and Frederick Gelman.

Mrs. Matilda Goldberg, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren.

Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in honor of Lillian Jessamine King and Frederick Milton Gelman, grandchildren of Evelyn Gelman.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of the entire Gelman family.

Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lillian Jessamine King and Frederick Milton Gelman.

Mrs. Elaine Polson, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren.

Jane & David Revasch, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lily and Fred.

Melanie Schneider, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lillian Jessamine King and Frederick Milton Gelman.

Mrs. Florence Solomon, in honor of the Gelman family.

Mr. Al Sussman, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's Torah reading in honor of her two grandchildren.

Eugene & Roberta Zinbarg, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's family function.

Clara Hammel Memorial Library Fund

Dr. Leslie Hammel, in memory of his beloved father and mother-in-law, Dr. Nicholas and Malvin Rittersporn.

Hesed Fund

Mrs. Carol J. Antler, in honor of her birthday.

High School Fund

Harry & Roslyn Weinrauch, in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Susanne Weinrauch, to Mr. Richard Leach, son of Ms. Judy Leach.

Harry & Roslyn Weinrauch, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's grandchildren, Lillian and Fred.

High School Food Pantry

Debra & Stuart Abramovitz, in honor of Cantor Abramson, who helped prepare their daughter Rachel for her Bat Mitzvah.

Elissa & Harry Bromer, in honor of Willimina Bromer's Bat Mitzvah.

Elissa, Harry, Logan & Willi Bromer, in honor of Samuel Bromer's birthday.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of his

brothers, Maxwell, Duncan and Randall Bryer.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Joan and Fred Bryer.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Deborah and Isaac Nachbar.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Eleanor and Aaron Jaffe.

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Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Cynthia Krause and Peter Charap, Alex, Rebecca and Joshua.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Sara Horowitz and Jonathan Richler, and Marissa.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Donna & Gary Levy, Matthew, Harrison and Eric.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Nadine & Edward Cohen, Reuben and Daniel.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of his grandfather, Stanley.

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Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Jennifer & Clifford Bryer, Daniel, Alex and Kathryn.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of his parents, Meryl Wiener and Barry Bryer.

Jonathan Russell Bryer, in honor of Eileen & Ronald Burke, Audrey and Kevin.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ceisler, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Nadine Habousha Cohen, in honor of her birthday.

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